



# Vancouver-Singapore Club

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## Circular No. 7/2010

Dear Members,

### DEMISE OF MDM KWA GEOK CHOO (MRS. LEE KUAN YEW)

Mrs Lee Kuan Yew, aged 89, passed away peacefully at home in Singapore at 5.40 pm on Saturday, October 2, 2010.

Madam Kwa was one of 8 children. An outstanding student at Methodist Girls' School, she also topped the 1936 Senior Cambridge Examination for the whole of Malaya and Singapore. At Raffles Institution, she caught the attention of a young Lee Kuan Yew when she gave him unexpectedly stiff competition for a Queen's Scholarship.

Their relationship grew through the years of Japanese Occupation, and by September 1944, love had blossomed. When World War II ended, Mr Lee left to study law in England in 1946. But he was miserable until she joined him at Cambridge University a year later. The two married secretly on 23 December 1947. She had just turned 27, and he was 24.

When they returned to Singapore in 1950, they tied the knot again, this time with their parents' full knowledge.

When Mr Lee got more involved in politics and became Singapore's Prime Minister in 1959, it was Mrs Lee and his younger brother, Lee Kim Yew, who built up and expanded Lee & Lee - the law firm all three had set up in 1955. Mr Lee once said his great advantage was that he had a wife who could be a sole breadwinner and bring the children up.

In October 2003 - Mrs Lee suffered a stroke while on a visit to London. Fortunately, she made a swift recovery and was again seen in public at her husband's side at community events, and on official trips overseas. And she was there when Lee Hsien Loong was sworn in as Singapore's third Prime Minister.

### 2ND "KAWAN-KAWAN NITE"

Venue: Seri Malaysia Restaurant, 2327 Hastings Street (@ Nanaimo Street), Vancouver Tel: 604-677-7555

Date/Time: Saturday, November 20, 2010 from 5.00 p.m. to 9.00 p.m.

Buffet Menu:

1. Beef Rendang (beef curry)
2. Curry Ayam (chicken curry)
3. Ikan Bakar (baked fish)
4. Sayur Lemak (vegetable)
5. Gado-gado (salad)
6. Mee Goreng (fried noodle)
7. Nasi Bryani (yellow rice)
8. Nasi Puteh (white rice)
9. Chandol (dessert)

Karaoke Singing: Members \$1.00 per song  
Guests \$2.00 per song  
(Karaoke singers, please bring your own disk/song)

Buffet Ticket Price: Members \$17.00 per person  
Guests \$20.00 per person

Seating Capacity: Max. 50 people only (Tickets will be sold on a "first come, first serve" basis)

Buffet Ticket Sale: Please contact any of the following Ex-co member:

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We look forward to seeing you at the "Kawan'Kawan" Nite.

Michael Leong  
President

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Date: October 5, 2010.